SUBJECTS.

72. *Retention of the Munsiff's Court at Kanjirapalli.*

Mr. P. I. Chandy (Member, Changanachery Taluk) said that he apprehended that a proposal to transfer the Munsiff's Court at Kanjirapalli to Meenachil was before Government. In the interests of the people of the locality, the Member observed that it was necessary to retain the Court at Kanjirapalli.

Dewan's reply.—No proposal has come before Government to move the Court away from Kanjirapalli.

MEENACHIL TALUK.

73. *Complaints relating to the settlement of the Meenachil taluk.*

Mr. C. Padmanabha Pillai (Member, Meenachil Taluk) said that, unlike other taluks, there was neither puncha nor virippu cultivation in the taluk. The ryots resorted only to the mundakan cultivation. Lands were not available for carrying on malankrishi and there were further several restrictions which precluded them from carrying on such cultivation largely. A severe blight also prevailed in the taluk which did a lot of havoc to the cocoanut and other trees. When the people were labouring under such disabilities, the Settlement department imposed a heavy assessment on even the young and blighted trees in the taluk, which, though left out at the time of block work, were subsequently added to the bearing trees for the purpose of showing increased revenue. As the ryots could hardly bear the additional burden of increased assessment, he requested that Government might be pleased to defer the collection of the tax at settlement rates till the blight completely subsided, or at least for a period of 6 years. He added that, during the interval, the old tax might be continued to be recovered from the ryots.

Dewan's reply.—I shall call for the papers about the scheme for the Meenachil taluk and see if any revision is necessary.

74. *Opening of a demonstration farm at Bharananganam.*

Mr. Kuruvila Ousep (Member, Meenachil Taluk) requested that a model demonstration farm might be established at Bharananganam. The farm would be useful by way of imparting instruction to the people in improved methods of agriculture and for the eradication of the cocoanut palm blight.

Dewan's reply.—The whole question of cocoanut disease is engaging the anxious consideration of Government. The suggestion of the Member will be noted for consideration in connection with the opening of more farms. The Director of Agriculture is inspecting the places affected and conducting experiments, and till he

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